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Inland from Nikolayev there was another area that appeared to be even more heavily guarded. It was hinted that the latter area was a forced labor camp but that the inmates were not PWs.

4. At Nikolayev the quays had been destroyed and were still, for the most part, in very bad condition. However, repairs were being made and water could be taken on from the outlets on the quays. It was rumored that Nikolayev was the principal Soviet submarine base in the Black Sea. 50X1-HUM

5. [REDACTED]

6. At Novorossiysk there were two large cement works with very high chimneys which emitted white smoke. The traffic of materials all around the works was constant. 50X1-HUM

7. [REDACTED] three or four wrecks aground and some net obstructions lying on the quay. There were many small subchasers in port while in the outer harbor a destroyer [REDACTED] was lying at anchor. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

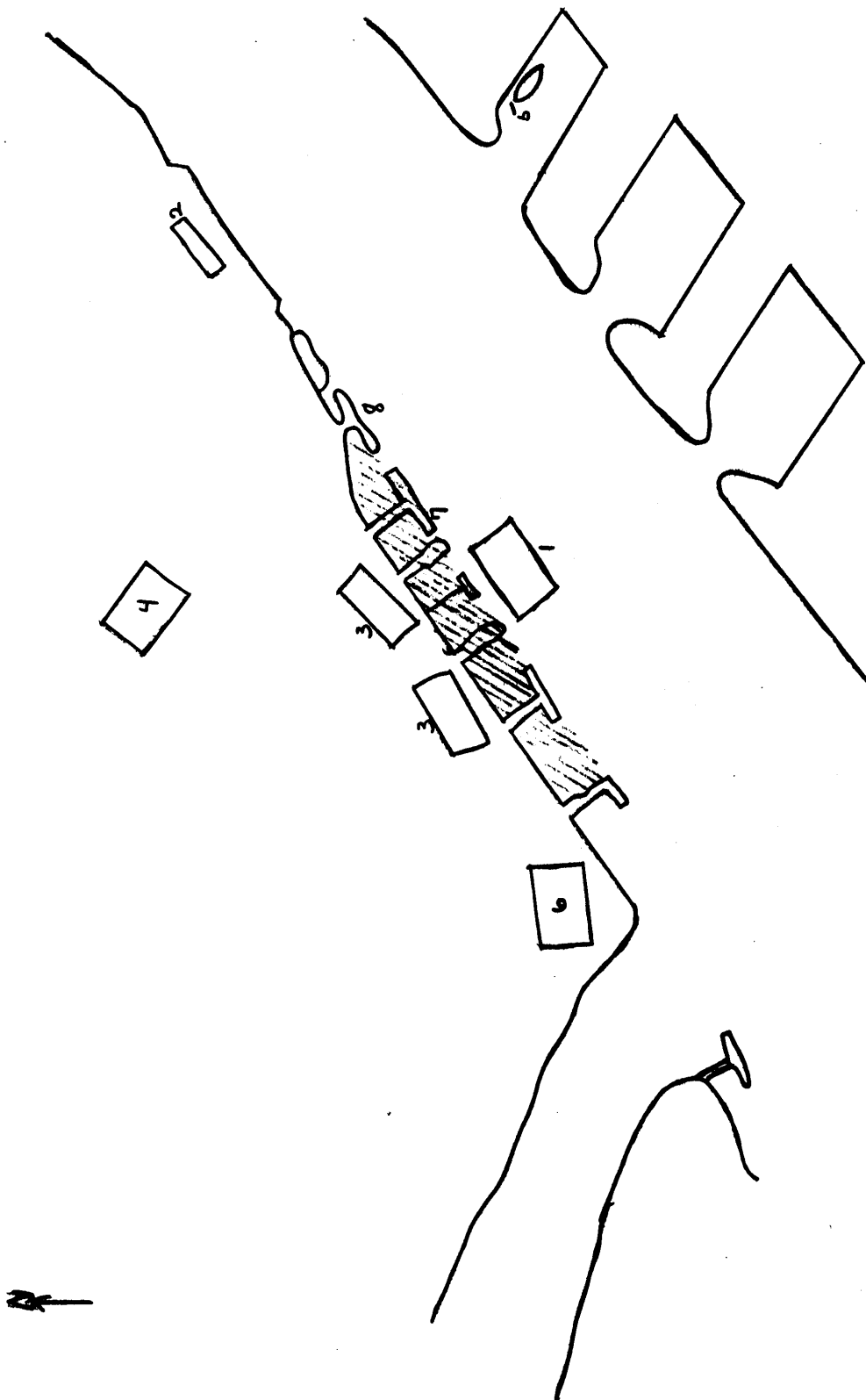
[REDACTED] Comment: This is the first report concerning the reopening of the port of Nikolayev to foreign flag traffic since its closing in the Spring of 1952. 50X1-HUM

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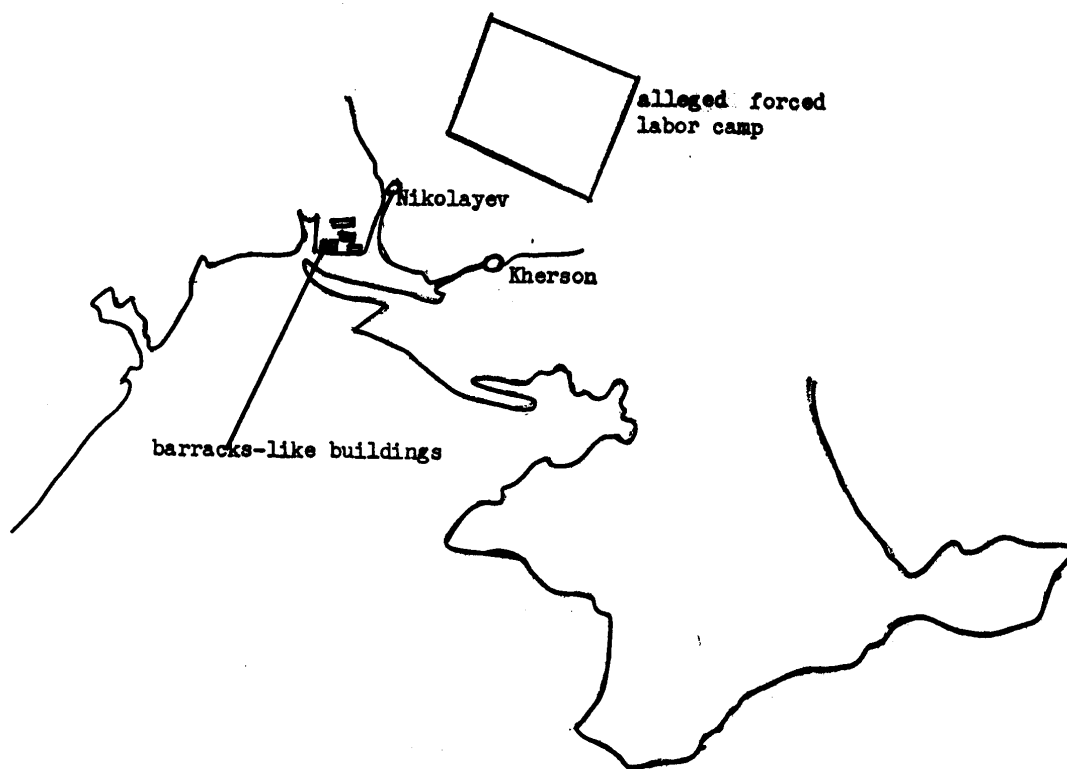
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